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SUBJECT: VISIT TO CHILE OF BRAZILIAN ANTI-COMMUNIST

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1. CARLO BARBIERI FILHO, THE PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD ANTI-COMMUNIST LEAGUE (WACL) AND THE SOCIETY OF POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL STUDIES (SEPES), IS THE SUPERINTENDENT OF GRUPO APLIK SA, A FAMILY OWNED REAL ESTATE, TOURISM AND FINANCIAL COMBINE HEADED BY HIS FATHER, CARLO BARBIERI. BARBIERI FILHO WAS BORN MARCH 2, 1947, IN SAO PAULO AND IS A LAWYER AND ECONOMICIST BY EDUCATION. HE WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE WACL AT ITS "EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS" IN PARIS 1975.

2. THE WACL WAS FOUNDED IN 1966 AS AN OFFSHOOT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF ASIATIC ANTI-COMMUNIST PEOPLES IN SEOUL, KOREA. PREVIOUS INTERNATIONAL CONGRESSES HAVE BEEN IN TAIPEI, SAIGON, BANGKOK, TOKYO, QUEZON CITY, MEXICO CITY, AND WASHINGTON. RESOLUTIONS OF THE CONGRESSES HAVE FREQUENTLY ATTACHED U.S. LEADERS FOR BEING "SOFT ON COMMUNISM" OR WORSE.

3. SEPES WAS ORGANIZED IN 1962 IN SAO PAULO. THE ORGANIZATION IS COMPOSED OF STUDENTS, PROFESSORS AND PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE WHO REJECT THE "MATERIALISTIC ANTI-NATIONAL DOCTRINES OF COMMUNISM." THE MEMBERS REPORTEDLY ADVOCATE DEFENSE OF

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BRAZIL'S NATIONAL CUSTOMS AND CHRISTIANITY AS THE STRONGEST

BULWARKS AGAINST COMMUNISM. APPROXIMATELY 100 MEMBERS OF SEPES ATTENDED THE RECENT WACL CONGRESS IN RIO. SEPES SPONSORED A MEETING OF THE LATIN AMERICAN CAUCUS OF WACL IN RIO IN 1974.

4. THE BARBIERIS HAVE REPORTEDLY PROVIDED, AT LEAST IN PART, THE FINANCING FOR THE TWO INTERNATIONAL ANTI-COMMUNIST CONGRESSES IN RIO DE JANEIRO IN THE LAST TWO YEARS. ONE OF THEM ALSO REPORTEDLY PLANNED TO FINANCE A TRIP TO PORTUGAL BY AN ANTI-COMMUNIST PORTUGUESE EXILE LEADER THIS SUMMER. BARBIERI FILHO, SUPPOSEDLY SEEKING FUNDS, TRAVELED TO SAUDI ARABIA IN JULY AND CALLED ON THE KING. THERE IS NO INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF HIS TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST.

5. WHILE SEPES WAS THE OFFICIAL HOST ORGANIZATION FOR THE WACL CONGRESS, CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT FOR THE CONGRESS ON THE PART OF THE GOB WAS ALSO EVIDENT. A NUMBER OF CURRENT AND FORMER OFFICIALS FROM ALL LEVELS OF THE GOB ATTENDED CONGRESS SESSIONS AND ASSUMED PLACES OF HONOR ON THE PLATFORM. IT WAS ALSO RUMORED THAT THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SNI) PROVIDED SUBSTANTIAL BEHIND-THE-SCENE BACKING FOR THE CONGRESS IN TERMS OF FINANCING THE TRANSPORTATION, TRANSLATION, AND ADMINISTRATIVE NEEDS OF THE CONGRESS. GOB SUPPORT WAS ESPECIALLY EVIDENT IN THAT THE SECURITY FURNISHED WAS PROVIDED BY THE ARMY SECRET POLICE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL ORDER (DOPS). (COPY OF AIRGRAM ON WACL CONGRESS BEING POUCHED).

6. COMMENT: CARLO BARBIERI FILHO APPEARS TO BE A COMMITTED, STAUNCH, EVEN BLACK-AND-WHITE ANTI-COMMUNIST. HE AND HIS FATHER ARE WELL OFF FINANCIALLY AND DOUBTLESS HAVE ACCESS TO FINANCIAL CONTACTS THROUGH THEIR BUSINESS ACTIVITIES. WHILE BARBIERI FILHO SEEMS TO HAVE BOTH ORGANIZATION AND FINANCING, ANY PROPAGANDA EFFORT BY THE WACL OR SEPES WOULD SEEM TO US LIKELY TO HAVE LITTLE IMPACT OUTSIDE OF DOCTRINAIRE ANTI-COMMUNIST CIRCLES. END COMMENT.
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